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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:

New patent application including 30 pages of text, an unsigned Declaration, a Claim for Foreign Priority Transmittal attached w/ certified copy of priority document and no fees.

The signed Declaration and filing fees will be filed (and paid) at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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